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substantially at ground level, and

wherein a plurality of paper rolls are loaded in the sheet feeding area so as to be arranged obliquely relative to each other in the vertical direction.

15. (Three times amended) A large printer comprising:

a sheet feeding area including at least one roll of paper and at least one sheet of paper;

and

a cover member, which covers a first feeding path for the roll of paper from above, and which supports the sheet of paper from below to constitute a part of a second feeding path for the sheet of paper,

wherein the cover member extends linearly from an upstream portion thereof to a downstream portion thereof in connection with a direction in which the sheet of paper is fed.

16. (Amended) A large printer comprising:

a sheet feeding area positioned at a height at which a user standing in front of the printer can set up a printing medium without having to bend substantially at the waist,

wherein the sheet feeding area is positioned at the height when the printer is placed substantially at ground level, and

wherein a plurality of paper rolls are loaded in the sheet feeding area so as to be arranged obliquely relative to each other in the vertical direction;

an elongative member disposed in the paper feeding area for holding the printing medium; and

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a pair of support members for supporting both ends of the elongative member, at least one of the support members being rotatable.

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18. (Amended) A large printer comprising:
a sheet feeding area positioned at a height at which a user standing in front of the printer can set up a printing medium without having to bend substantially at the waist,
wherein the sheet feeding area is positioned at the height when the printer is placed substantially at ground level, and
wherein a plurality of paper rolls are loaded in the sheet feeding area so as to be arranged obliquely relative to each other in the vertical direction;
a printing area;
a paper discharge area; and
a paper feeding path which extends in a vertical direction from the paper feeding area to the paper discharge area via the printing area.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 13, and 15-18 have been examined. Claims 13, 15, and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-6, 16, and 18 contain allowable subject matter.